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LAW BEING USED AS WHIPPING POST FOR CRUSADER!

ATTEMPT AT FALSE ARREST

Last Saturday, July 29, when the editor was delivering The Crusader locally, the chief of police, A. A. Launey spotted the Crusader car and placed it under surveillance. Late in the afternoon when the editor and two newsboys were returning to the home of Robert Williams, a police car pursued them. When the Crusaders came within about two blocks of home, a police car speeded behind them and without signaling, drove by and turned sharply in front of the smaller foreign car, forcing it into the ditch.

The two white policemen got out and insisted that Williams' had improper lights. (One of Williams' lights had been torn out by a culprit who made an attempt on his life and the police has refused to issue a warrant.) Williams told the officers that it was not yet dark. They said that didn't make any difference, they were going to take him in anyway.

Williams had one of the newsboys to contact a minister who was sitting in his yard, close to the scene, to verify the fact that it was still day.

The minister agreed that it was not dark. Ten ball players came from a nearby ball field and insisted that it was not dark. A motorist passed who knew Williams and he stated that it was not dark. Other motorists passed with no lights and Williams asked the officers if it was night why didn't they arrest the other motorists. The officers told Williams that he didn't have anything to do with that and that they were taking him in. Williams then asked if he could post bond, the officers insisted that they were going to take him in and that they didn't want bond. Williams asked if he could stop by his house on the way to jail to have someone alerted to go his bond. The officers said "No!" they didn't want bond and that they were going to take him in and they meant it. Williams was told to follow the police car. In the next block, when the officers passed the street on which Williams lived, Williams turned swiftly into his yard and drove his car back of his house. The officers followed in hot chase. They came to the back door of his home and insisted they were going to take him in.

Williams told the officers they were

wrong and that they knew it and that he was not going to submit to any false arrest and allow them to turn him over to a white mob. Mrs. Williams came to the door with a gun and asked the officers what they wanted. They said they were going to take "Robert" in. She asked them what they wanted to take him in for and she was told, because he had only one light. She told the officers that it was not dark. They said they had to take him in anyway. She told them that he wasn't going and asked them why didn't they arrest the white man who had rammed the car and knocked the light out while trying to kill her husband. One of the policemen laughed. They said they were going but they would be back. Mrs. Williams told them that they had better have their papers in order when they returned. They left and didn't come back.

After night fall, anonymous white callers mad a series of calls inquiring if "Old Castro" is in jail. Between 12:30 and 1 p.m. two carloads of white men passed Williams' home cursing and firing pistols. Williams' guards fired a volley of shots from heavy bore rifles. The white thugs fled in fearful haste. The white culprits congregated about two blocks from Williams' house on another street screaming and yelling, they fired many shots. All night long gunfire could be heard from all parts of town. The Charlotte F.B.I. was notified, the Justice Department and the White House.

Reports are still coming in to the Crusader of vandalism on the part of white savages. On one occasion it is reported that an Afro-American woman was smeared with a bucket of paint by white men. After all that is transpiring here, we have been unable to get state officials or federal officials to act to safeguard the lives and property of colored people. Our only alternative is to defend ourselves. Whatever happens here shall have been made possible by the officials, national and on the state and local levels.

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BYNUM GRIFFIN and CARROL PRESSLEY attempted murderers are still the fair haired boys of local Christian white gentry.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE EDITOR IS REPRINTED FROM THE AUG. 5 AFRO-AMERICAN

RE. FUNDS FOR ARMS

Monroe, N. C.- I just finished reading the Afro article, "Harlem raises funds for arms in Dixie." I appreciate your kind consideration and sympathy for us, but it is quite embarrassing to us citizens of Union County and Monroe.

Before making such statements, the Afro should come see how we live in Monroe. Monroe is just another Southern town, progressing beautifully under Southern skies. We are no worse off than other towns in America, but far better off than a lot of people in the South.

And I'm proud to say, the North also.

I am not "an aunt Jane" as Mr. (Robert) Williams will probably say in his little paper. I am just like about 95 per cent of the other colored people here.

I want justice, freedom and respect, but we don't want it through rifles and hoodlumism.

I feel like if the Afro or anyone has any rifles or money to send to us for arms, keep them for yourself. You'll probably need it before we do.

/s/(MRS.) P. C. Evans

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT TO THE AFRO BY A TEEN-AGE PICKETER IN MONROE

Re: LETTER OF MRS. P. C. EVANS

I am one of the discontented, so said, five per cent here in Monroe, North Carolina. I speak for all of the young Crusaders here who are risking our lives to fight for our American rights. We want the world to know the truth.

I had the privilege of being among the demonstrators at the local, tax supported, federally built, municipal swimming pool which we have been picketing

because of the constant refusal of the local city officials to even consider our requests and demands for facilities for Afro-Americans here. (There are no swimming facilities for us here.) We have continously asked for consideration since 1957, so believe me, I can tell you why we need help.

On Sunday, June 25, 1961, we were enroute to the pool to set up our picket line. Before we reached the pool, we were forcefully stopped by a raging mob of at least 2,000 whites, hollering threats on our lives. Had we not been prepared to defend ourselves with arms, we would have been lynched!

We need the help, support and consideration of all people who are willing to give it and we definitely don't need someone who is trying to belittle our efforts here. This is no "ordinary southern town" as you all should know. This is a town of mob rule. Our only motives are fighting for our rights and protecting ourselves. We don't intend to let anyone take any of our lives without a fight! We appreciate all of the moral and financial aid and support which we are continually receiving, locally and nationally.

/s/ Jonathan D. Blount
16 year-old Afro American

BLACK JEZEBEL STRIKES AGAIN!

"I DON'T NEED NO FIREARMS CHARLIE, ALL I NEED IS YOU!

MONROE - Six fires

Monroe, N.C.- Seven fires, believed by local police to be the work of arsonist, have Monroe citizens jittery.

Most of the fires have been blamed on firebugs using Molotov cocktails (bottles or containers filled with inflamable fuels and using a cloth wick.)

The first fire was at Monroe Hardware Company Warehouse, the second at Union Supply Co Warehouse the Monroe Seed Processing Co, a used furniture shop, a warehouse the Seaboard Air Line freight agency, the J. E. Crowley packing plant and the Downbeat Club (night spot) total damage to date has been estimated at $218,000.

The State Bureau of Investigation and representatives of the State Fire Marshal's office, the National fire Underwriters organization and the Seaboard Railroad are assisting local police and fire men in an intense investigation of all the fires.

Three young Afro-Americans were jailed and held on suspicion of arson. They were released after insufficient evidence was found. The young men's ages ranged from 19-20. No charges were made against them after three days of investigation.

Police Chief A. A. Mauney said "We are doing everything we can. "

ADDRESS BY
OSGAYEFO DR. KWAME NKRUMAH
President of the Republic of Ghana to the 15th Session of the United Nation's General Assembly, September 23, 1960.

(Continued from 7-31-61 issue)

... I hope that when the representatives of the military allies of France come to deal with this particular matter, they will make it perfectly clear that they are opposed to the French atomic tests in the Sahara and have done everything possible to stop France from carrying out any further tests.

In Africa we judge the great powers not by their words but by their deeds. We have a right to know which of the great powers support atomic tests and, perhaps more important than everything else, in assessing the situation, which of the great powers hold African opinion in so little regard that though in their hearts they oppose the French action, they are prepared to sacrifice African friendship for the interests of appeasing French pride and ambition.

One of the most interesting facts of political evolution in Asia is that the old relationship between East and West is gone. Whatever this relationship was, whether it was exploitation or paternalism, it is no longer consistent with the new sense of dominant nationalism in Asia. This is an important background from which to consider the problems of pacification, unification and containment which have emerged in Korea and Vietnam.

In the case of Korea, it is now of great interest to recall the Indian Prime Minister's plea against advancing the United Nations forces beyond the dividing line of the 38th Parallel after the North Koreans had been driven back to their own domain. The Indian Prime Minister was extremely critical of the unfortunate disposition of the Western Powers towards making decisions affecting Asia without a full understanding of the mind and sentiment of its people. How right he was has been demonstrated by recent events.

It is possible even now to resolve this intractable problem by having general elections in Korea. The situation in Vietnam is too well known to need recapitulation here. I wish, however, to invite attention to a crucial obligation that remains unfulfilled in regard to the question of reunifying the two Vietnams.

As a result of the armistice signed at the 1954 Geneva Conference, it was agreed that elections were to be held within two years with the object of recreating a unified government for Vietnam. When, however, the two co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference, namely, the United Kingdom and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics met in 1956, the elections were postponed. They have not yet been held. These countries will no longer submit to political subjection in any form, and in the interests of world peace, we ask that elections should be held as soon as possible.

While on Asian problems I feel constrained to pass a few remarks on the continued existence of the People's Republic of China outside the framework of the United Nations. The Government of Ghana has always supported the view that the People's Republic of China should be admitted to the United Nations so that the representation of China in this Assembly will be more realistic and more effective and useful.

We believe that the People's Republic of China, representing some six hundred and thirty million people, and with the vast economic, scientific, and technological resoutces that she is rapidly developing, can have a useful and constructive contribution to make towards the maintenance of peace and the advancement of civilization in our time.

The issue of whether China should be admitted to the United Nations or not should, I submit, be determined on the basis of principle rather than of expediency...

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DID YOU KNOW? By...Asa Lee

Did you know that the latest propaganda in the cold war in Monroe between Robert F. Williams and bigoted whites, is that R.F.W. is "very ill mentally, and that he is going to be sent off to the insane asylum soon, and that is why he isn't seen away from his home?"(So say the whites)

Did you know that since the swimming pool was closed because of Afro-American pickets, the number of racial incidents are steadily increasing? The Afro-American lady who had paint dashed in her face, by whites in a fast moving car, still has the effects of the heinous attack, in her eyes. And the Afro-American home that was fired into, the aged occupants don't understand that although they have not done anything to anger any white people, their home nevertheless was not spared in the mounting intimidations of Afro-Americans.

It was reported that a car full of whites fired several shots in an Afro-American neighborhood (Quality Hill) recently, and an eyewitness reported an attempted hit-and-run upon a lone Afro-American boy on his way home one night. The car was full of young whites, who had thrown an object out of the car at the boy. Failing to harm him, they turned their car around quickly and attempted to run him down, but the boy jumped into some thick shrubbery close by.

In another incident, a large garbage can was thrown on the front porch of an Afro-American's home, by young whites. Over the weekend an Afro-American man was attacked by a mob of whites, who attempted to beat him at a local white grill. Did you know that it was reported that whites in the Manetta Mill have been sniping from a rear upstairs window of the mill? And that an elderly Afro-American lady, was nearly run down by a car of whites who laughed after she jumped out of the way into the ditch.

Did you know that the car load of whites who fired shots on Boyte Street recently, received such a quick, almost spontantious retaliatory firing, with much heavier artillery, that they haven't ventured another visit? Incidently, one of the whites was recognized--- a non-commissioned officer in the local national guard! And on that same night, another car full of white workers enroute home, came through this section, flying a white flag from their fast moving car.

Did you know that it is not uncommon for white men in cars to yell out insults and profanity to passing Afro-Americans in cars? And so it goes in "peaceful Monroe progressing under beautiful southern skies."

Did you know that when several local Afro-American ministers were asked about how they felt morally about the recent racial incidents here, one, Rev. J.W.Lomax said, "I will not say anything at all until the ministers get together, no minister should take it upon himself to talk about any issue by himself, only as a group." The Rev. Parker quoted, "I don't know anything about it and I would not like to express my opinions about it." The remaining ministers' replies will be published as quickly as this reporter can catch up with them. We as Afro-Americans must know how our "spiritual" leaders feel about this changing society. We must know whether or not we can hope to expect help from them. After all, we support them economically, don't we?

Did you know that all these racial incidents might not have happened, if we had an impartial police department?

Did you know that some of the racial incidents that appear in this article, have never been reported to the police dept? When asked, why? The answer is always the same, "what's the use, the police aren't going to do anything about it."

Nevertheless, these incidents did occur. And in the future, they should be reported, immediately.

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" These things I command you, that ye love one another." St. John 15:17.

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!!!!All news items are welcomed!!!!!!

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LOCAL PICKETERS BEING HARASSED

Most of the colored youth who partie-ipated in the picket line at the local swimming pool have been picked up and questioned by local racist police in connection with the before mentioned fires. Local people fear a series of frame ups.

Youth are being picked up without their families being notified and taken to the station and fingerprinted. The prints are being kept as a part of the police record. No person who has not been charged with a crime can be legally finger printed by police without first giving consent. We feel that the present wave of police pick ups is a part of a deliberate plan of terror.

ON THE MONROE SCENE:

ON Saturday night, two weeks ago, an Afro-american woman who was walking along a street near her home had a container of paint dashed into her face by white culprits.

An Afro-American went into a local cafe and was attacked by a group of 5 or 6 white hoodlums. The Afro-American knocked one thug out, threw another over his head and possibly broke the back of one of his assailants.

Gunfire continues to be heard around town daily, although the chief of police denies no such thing happens.

CORRECTION

THIS ISSUE OF THE CRUSADER IS VOLUME 3, NUMBER 5. It is a combination of August 7 - August 14. It is being put out under extreme pressure. We ask our subscribers and friends to bear with us during these most pressing days.

Mabel R. Williams, Cir. Mgr.

ARMS APPEAL

TO OUR MANY READERS, SUBSCRIBERS AND FRIENDS ALL OVER THIS COUNTRY AND CANADA, WE THANK YOU MOST KINDLY FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ARMS DRIVE. BECAUSE OF THE BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND THE ABSENCE OF THE 14th AMENDMENT HERE, WE WISH TO PLACE A WEAPON IN EVERY HOME THAT DESIRES ONE FOR PURPOSES OF SELF-DEFENSE. REMEMBER, THE FIGHT GOES ON AND WEAPONS ARE STILL NEEDED.

CHARLOTTE,N. C.- A 1955 charge of affray (fighting) may be charged this month against Jimmy Hoffa, Teamsters Union president, if he visitis Charlotte.

Kenneth Griffin, solicitor of Charlotte Recorder's Court stated, "We will have to see if the case still stands up."

Hoffa is said by teamster officials to be scheduled to visit Charlotte to take a hand in contract negotiations.

RECENT DEATHS

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